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A large number of men are unsuccessful  
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vitality necessary to push a business as it  
should be.

The man who is thoroughly well and  
can plan with a clear brain and work out  
his plans with a healthy body, is the one  
who will be in the procession when his  
neighbor has to drop out.

Some men can stand hurtful habits  
better than others, but when one finds out  
that he is ailing a little each day, let  
him remedy the trouble and have the  
machine work right, for that is the sure  
road to riches and happiness.

Dr. J. H. Pennington, Chicago Summer  
School of Medicine, 103 State street,  
Chicago, says: "The Postum is received  
brewed and used up. I like it very much.  
The only criticism I have to offer is that  
it did not last long enough."

Coffee interferes with the digestion of  
many people who find it hard to give up,  
although they know it hurts them. It is  
easy to do without coffee if one can have  
Postum, the grain coffee. This has the  
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DECATUR, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1897.

10 CENTS PER WEEK

## GREEKS ADVANCE.

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The Airship Lands Near That City To-

Day.

The Greek Irregulars Advancing  
and Not Retreating as Re-  
ported by the Turks.

## CAPTURE IMPORTANT POSITIONS.

Opening the Way for the Greeks to Ad-  
vance—They Fight Well and  
Have Stormed Turk-  
ish Positions.

## FALSE PRETENSES.

Upon That Policy Spain Is Re-  
ported to Have Planned to  
Close the War.

## WILL DECLARE REBELLION ENDED.

Pretend to Withdraw Troops and Pro-  
ceed to Put In Force the Prom-  
ised Reforms—Cubans  
May Object.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Action of the Senate on the Humphrey  
Street Railway Bill.

Springfield, Ill., April 15.—In the sen-  
ate Crawford introduced a bill authoriz-  
ing the consolidation of the gas compa-  
nies in any city in the state to distribute  
gas for fuel as well as illuminating pur-  
poses and to distribute natural gas.

The senate then took up second read-  
ing of the Humphrey bill senate bill 148.

Warder moved to postpone till next Wed-  
nesday. Humphrey moved to table the  
Warder motion which was carried 88 to 12.

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The amendments offered by Monroe

yesterday were then taken up. The first

one was that the members of the state

commission held office for only four years

instead of fifteen. It was laid on the ta-

ble by a vote of 23 to 8. One providing

that franchises be extended forty instead

of fifty years, provoked a long debate and

was lost by a vote of 11 to 29. The

friends of the bill had everything their

own way and only such amendments as

they proposed or accepted were allowed to

pass, the others being unmercifully

laid on the table, and in the end the bill

was advanced to a third reading and made

a special order for tomorrow.

Dunlap introduced a resolution for a

special committee to investigate the al-  
leged misappropriation of the funds of the

University of Illinois by ex-Treasurer

**OUR NEIGHBORS.**

Lake City.  
Mrs. John Acorn spent Sunday at the bedside of her father, Mr. H. Cable, in Decatur, who is not expected to live. A few cases of measles yet exist in our village.

C. A. Saffle of Ft. Scott, Kas., has been called home on account of the serious illness of his sister, who is very weak with consumption. He started on his return trip home Monday evening.

Macy Redfern and his sister Paul spent Sunday with relatives in Lovington.

Dr. W. P. Davidson recently a graduate of L. M. C. contemplates locating at La Place.

John Hoyt of La Place was seen on our streets Tuesday.

The farmers are waiting anxiously for the opening of spring in order to begin work.

Tom Logan of Hervey City is now a resident of our village.

Easter exercises will be given at the M. E. church on next Sunday at 2:30 p.m., and at Adkin's chapel northeast of town at night.

Mr. Robert Smith was in Sullivan Monday and had an operation performed on his eye by having a piece taken from it. The trouble indicated as being the start of a cancer. Dr. E. P. Miller did the work.

Mrs. Wm. Winings has returned from Terre Haute where she has been taking treatment for a cancer. She is reported better.

Sam Adams is erecting a dwelling in the north part of our village. Others are contemplating building.

Our city can now boast of a barber and a shoemaker, consolidated in one man.

Blue Mound.

John McKaig was shopping in Decatur Tuesday.

A. R. Doer of Harvel was here on business Tuesday.

Henry Batson is able to be out again.

John Palmer, who has been visiting in Ohio for the last two months, returned home last week.

Frank Miller of Hamilton county, Ind., is here on business this week.

Mrs. Mary Wonder, who had a stroke of paralysis last winter, causing her friends considerable alarm, is yet alive but no hope for her recovery.

Miss Jane McKaig, an elderly maiden of this village, is suffering with dropsy of the lower limbs.

John Wilson, four miles northwest of Blue Mound, nearly severed the two middle fingers of his left hand Monday while sharpening a wedge to fasten a handle in an ax. Dr. Matthew dressed the wounded hand.

Rev. W. L. Bankson and Miss Agnes Brown visited Decatur Monday.

Contractor Hartsock began work on two dwelling houses which Dr. Matthew is having put up on his lots at the crossing of Lewis and Selberling streets.

Otterton.

Miss Hattie Markman returned from Olney last Friday.

C. A. Gregory visited his parents in Lovington Saturday.

James Kite visited relatives near Prairie Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Vane is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Pasley.

George Hines and family have moved into the residence lately vacated by Thomas Logan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Britton visited relatives at Elwin Thursday.

The Shelbyville Telephone company is putting up a line through to Decatur which passed through this place. Pratt & Co. are to have a phone in their grain office.

Oats sowing has begun and men are trying to get their grain in between showers.

Marco.

Mrs. Joseph Jones is sick with lung fever.

The funeral of Miss Kate Baumer took place Saturday at 10 o'clock from the residence. The services were conducted by Elder Lloyd Newcomer. The songs, "Near My God to Thee," "Over the River," and "Waiting by the River" were rendered by Misses Myrtle Vernon, Lottie Crowell, Mrs. Mollie Conover, H. M. Funk and Elder Newcomer. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Charles Huff, Henry Wykoff, O-car Everhard, G. T. Covault, D. N. Gray and Joseph Swift. Burial at Ridge.

Mrs. Otto V. Gates of Iona, Mich., is visiting her brother, Rev. Lloyd Newcomer.

Miss Grace Wysong of Kenney, spent Sunday with her parents.

S. H. Covault and Bert Jones returned Friday from Kirksville, Mo.

Mrs. Emerick is visiting friends in Decatur.

Mr. Streets, who visited E. L. Kemp and family, left Saturday for his home at Wenona.

Charles Bennett of Decatur, visited friends here over Sunday.

Wm. Hanna of Bloomington, was in town Monday.

The young people's societies of the different churchs will hold a prayer meeting in the Presbyterian church on Easter morning at 6 o'clock.

Rev. Waterbury of Carco Gordo, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gaskill of Moweaqua, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stroud, left yesterday to attend the wedding of a relative in Galesburg.

E. J. Carter is confined to his room by an attack of the grippe.

Mrs. J. H. Crocker and Mrs. W. Y. McLean are attending presbytery at Springfield.

Nicholas Huffman returned Saturday from Jasper county.

Mrs. L. T. Croll left Wednesday for a visit with her parents at Hamilton, Ohio.

Mrs. Lucy Baumer of Springfield, was called home by the death of her sister, Miss Kate Baumer.

The funeral of W. H. Torrence was held Wednesday at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Waterbury assisted by Rev. J. C. Huang.

Mrs. Will Bill is among the sick.

Rev. Dan of Chicago lectured to a large audience at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening.

Quinn Thomas' steamer, containing 275000 diamonds, 2000 pearls, 27 emeralds, 17 topazes and rubies.

**FOREIGN GOSSIP.**

Morocco's sultan has engaged an Aberdeen man to play the bagpipes at his court.

Horseflesh is now sold in London for beef and goat's flesh and mutton, according to the report of a government meat inspector.

An almost complete set of the Sporting Magazine from 1792 to 1870 brought \$1,150 recently at a London sale. A set of Gilroy's caricatures brought \$870.

A telephone wire eight-hundredths of an inch in diameter and 7,000 feet long has been stretched across the Wallenstadt lake in the canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

A bronze figure just discovered in the Amsterdam museum is believed by the director to be Michael Angelo. It represents King David dancing naked before the ark.

Sheffield has been given up as the proposed diocese of York because the wealthy laymen of the town refuse to contribute to the support of a bishop.

A guard on the Great Western road in England, who had traveled over 4,000,000 miles in 40 years, recently received a purse of 100 guineas for being the greatest traveler in the world.

A female burglar 21 years of age recently sent to jail in London was proved to have worked her way through an opening 9½ inches square, and on a previous occasion had wriggled through a hole eight inches square.

A Mosaic map of Palestine, 30 feet long by 15 broad, has been discovered at a village between Salt and Kerak, east of the Jordan. The pavement is believed to belong to the fifth century after Christ.

**DOG DRIVES A BARGAIN.**

Prefers One Kind of Bread and Always Gets It.

I was going down a little side street in the French quarter in New Orleans the other morning, says a correspondent, when I saw a dog—apparently a cross-bred setter that had come down in the world—trotting gaily along the banquette in front of me, carrying a partridge in his mouth. Presently he came to a queer little bake shop letting upon an old-time court. Stopping before the shop window, the dog reared up on his hind legs and tapped with his forepaws upon the closed pane, whereupon the baker came and raised the window.

"Bon jour, monsieur," said the man, quite cheerily, as if he were speaking to an old acquaintance. At the same time he took a small, round loaf of bread from the shelf and put it down on the sill.

The dog, wagging his tail the while, deposited his bird on the window ledge, picked up the loaf and trotted back the way he came.

"You are wondering at my queer customer?" asked the baker, seeing my astonishment at the transaction. "Well, all I can tell you," he went on, "is that the dog has been trading with me for nearly a year now. Where he comes from and to whom he belongs I know not. I think it is more than likely that he is stray, making his own living. I have fancied sometimes that he must rob the stalls in the French market for the things he brings me. But I do not know and nobody complains. Sometimes he brings a bird, as you see; sometimes a fish or a crab; now and then only a potato or a sprig of parsley or thyme. Now and then, although very rarely, he comes without anything at all. Then I know, poor fellow, he has had a hard day, so he gets his loaf just the same. Why not? Even a dog must live, and often he overpays, anyhow, so it all comes right in the end."

"It is queer, though," the man continued, "the always must have the same sort of bread; no other will he take. See, I keep his loaf here always, and if I start to get one from another shelf he barks, you don't know how, and will not put down whatever he has brought till I get the right bread. Oh, he is sharp that dog," adds the little baker and I think most people will agree with him.—Philadelphia Times.

**FLUSH JOINTS.**

The Pearly Nautilus.

Dr. Arthur Willey, who worked out the later development of Amphioxus when he was a pupil of Prof. Ray Lankester at University college, London has just made a most important discovery. He has succeeded in obtaining the ripe eggs of the pearly nautilus, and is now at work on the development of that most interesting animal. Two and a half years ago Dr. Willey gave up a teaching post in Columbia college, New York, and accepted the Balfour student ship of the University of Cambridge, in order to proceed to the coast of New Guinea and neighboring islands in quest of the embryological history of the pearly nautilus. He has had great numbers of live nautiluses, but, in spite of all efforts, had till December 3 last failed to obtain the eggs. Specimens which he was keeping in a large cage, sunk in the sea at a suitable spot in the Loyalty islands, were found by him on that day to have spawned. Dr. Willey's indomitable perseverance and devotion to his task have thus been at last crowned by success.—Nature.

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Winter Tickets are now on to points south and south-west.

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Take new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis, daily train.

City Ticket Office located from 10th Street to 2nd East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 14; Old No. 10. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

**Prolonged Considerably.**

"Do you think that it prolongs a man's life to be insured?"

"Yes," replied the man who had just been interviewed by an agent, "it does something toward keeping him from being talked to death."—Answers.

**MERITED REWARD.**

**SALES OF LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND.**

Unequalled in the History of Medicine. Honesty, Excellence, Faithfulness Fitly Rewarded.

[SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.]

Never in the history of medicine has the demand for one particular remedy for female diseases equalled that attained by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never in the history of Mrs. Pinkham's wonderful Compound has the demand for it been so great as it is to-day.

From Maine to California, from the Gulf to the St. Lawrence, come the glad tidings of woman's suffering relieved by it; and thousands upon thousands of letters are pouring in from grateful women, saying that it will and does positively cure those painful

**Aliments of Women**

It will cure the worst forms of female complaints, all ovarian troubles, inflammation and ulceration, falling and displacements of the womb, and consequent spinal weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the change of life.

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**Backache,**

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At BRADLEY BROS.

One lot of Fancy Check, all wool Dress Goods in the latest spring combinations, yd.....

33c

(Early prices on this Fabric, 50c yd.)

One lot of choice Novelty Dress Goods, all new patterns, 40 and 42 inches wide, at yd.....

48c

One lot of Rough and Ready Dress Goods in 10 pretty designs and colors, 40 inches wide, at yd.....

39c

20 Pieces of choice 40-inch black Brocaded Brilliantines, very desirable for Skirts, at yd.....

29c

42-inch Black Brocaded Dress Goods at yard.....

30c

50 Pieces of Fine Black Brocades, at yard.....

35c, 39c, 40c and 50c

Special Bargains in Silks.

500 Yards of Black Taffeta, Peau de Soie and Moire Silks, suitable for skirts, at yd.....

58c

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500 Pairs of Black and Colored Kid Gloves, Foster's Genuine.

The \$1.00 quality this week at.....

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Boys' Suit--long pants--ages 12 to 19 years.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Easter egg dyes at Irwin's.

See the matrimonial advertisement at the G. A. R. hall tonight.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made Sumatra wrapper--5 cent cigar.

Pineapple, rose shaving cream, 75c West's drug store.

If you are troubled with catarrh, asthma or headache, use the German medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16df

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. march 25-df

A splendid program will be given at the G. A. R. hall tonight.

New stock of Reger &amp; Gallet's violet perfume and toilet soaps at West's drug store.

Go to the G. A. R. hall tonight to the entertainment of the S. of V.s and L. A. S.

Good sweet potatoes, wholesale and retail, 99c North Main street. Durfee &amp; Culp.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

The regular meeting of Coeur de Leon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held tonight.

Violets, verbena, lily of the valley and Florida waters, 25c. West's drug store.

Before you have your spring papering done go and see W. C. Pluck, 109 East North street. Exclusive wall paper store, —5-32w.

Lotus Lily, Glory, Butterfly Orchid and Alpine Lilac. New perfumes for Easter, low prices, at West's drug store.

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They are produced by indifference to those duties, and may be removed by attention to them.

Is it not a fact that the better classes of the people are tyrannized by parties dominated by the worst elements of American citizenship?

When a man's party stands in the way of the morals of the city or community in which he lives, he ought to bury it, so far as he has the ability, beyond the hope of future resurrection. His party may have done good service in the past, but he should remember that present good morals is superior to present party success. We cannot, as a people, afford to be hindered in our moral progress for the sake of perpetuating party existence.

Party hostility must be buried, and the city ballot emancipated. Gray-haired fathers and broken-hearted mothers cry out for protection against municipal corruption which has victimized their darling boys and blasted their fondest hopes. Mankind is weak, and there are thousands who have not the will to withstand temptation.

The bustle was furnished by the ladies' choral choir, their selections being "Rock of Ages," "Over the River," and "I Know Not the Day or the Hour."

After the sermon the O. E. S. conducted a short service and the choir sang, "Nearer, My God to Thee."

The floral tributes were very beautiful and included a floral pillow from the pupils of her school, a large bouquet from the members of the tabernacle church of Christ, a large wreath from the Y. P. S. C. E., a large wreath from the employees of the Gushard Dry Goods company, where she had been bookkeeper, bouquets from Ladies' Aid society, bouquet from the Elwin W. C. T. U., a large star from the O. E. S., and many bouquets from relatives and friends.

Estella P. Fletcher was born Sept. 18, 1878. She became a member of the Christian church when 18 years of age and always held a prominent position in the various societies of the church. She was also a member of the O. E. S. and W. C. T. U.

Fred Warde as a Lecturer.

Last night at Champaign, Frederick Warde, the tragedian, who recently ap-

peared in Decatur in the play, "Damon

and Pythias," delivered lecture on "Shakespeare and His Plays," before a large audience. This is not a new depart-

ure for Warde. He has been in the habit

of addressing universities, colleges, schools

and clubs on the drama. On one occa-

sion he gave a splendid talk by invitation at the Woman's club. It was a fascin-

ating address.

The Princes.

At the round-up of the Princes of the Orient last night there were exercises of parochial interest to the pilgrim, Samuel Dientable, who received lasting impres-

sions, and also Will L. Smith. One of the Princes who is said to be guilty of in-

fringements of the rules and regulations is to be placed on trial at the next meeting for his alleged offense. The testimony of twenty-five or more witnesses will be heard.

Extra Cash on Hand.

E. O. Hopkins, receiver of the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railroad, submitted his report for the month of March to the federal court today. The receipts were \$120,000. From agents and conductors \$98,689.59 was collected, and from foreign companies the receipts were \$21,128.85. The disbursements were \$111,887.85, of which \$53,904.83 went to foreign compa-

nies and \$99,884.83 to employees. The cash on hand is \$28,960.46.

Don't fail to call on J. P. Winebrenner

at Ottenheimer &amp; Co.'s, as he will be

pleased to see all his friends.

## WHEAT NO GOOD.

April Report on the Condition of the Crop in Illinois.

The special reports received at the office of the Illinois department of agriculture, under date of April 10, in regard to winter wheat are even more discouraging than on March 10, when the last bulletin was issued. Since that time the continuous rains, followed by high water in the streams, have flooded the lowlands in many portions of southern Illinois, so that what wheat was not winter killed has been utterly ruined by water.

Reports from nearly half of the counties in the state, including almost all of the winter wheat growing counties, are to the effect that two-thirds of the wheat seeded last fall, 1,749,000 acres, was winter killed or destroyed by floods, and the condition of the remaining third, 583,000 acres, is so poor that under the most favorable conditions from now until harvest only about one-third of an average crop may be expected. The outlook at this date is that but little more than enough wheat for seed will be harvested in Illinois this season, and her people will have to depend on other states for wheat for consumption, a condition that has occurred but once before in the agricultural history of the state.

## Good Friday Services.

On Good Friday the passion services known as "The Three Hours Service" will be held at All Angels' church. The service is strictly evangelical. It will begin at noon and continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It is a service which everyone, whether members of the church or not, can enjoy, and it is not necessary to remain through the entire service or come at the beginning. The rector invites everyone to attend.

At 4 o'clock on Easter eve a special service will be held by Rev. Bedford Jones for the administration of baptism.

The Altar Guild of All Angels' church has been working industriously during Lent and as a result a beautiful set of altar cloths will be presented to the church. The organ which is being purchased by the Woman's Guild will be used for the first time on Easter and the services both in the morning and evening will be of a higher order than anything previously held in the church. The Easter offerings will be used to make the final payment on the long standing interest due St. John's church.

## A General Invitation.

To members of all churches in Decatur: I wish to invite any persons who may care to spend a little time in serious contemplation of the suffering and death of our blessed Saviour on the cross, to meet with us on Friday in All Angels' church and participate with us in the service of commemoration. The service is undenominational in character and all Christian people are welcome. The seats in the church are always free and you are at liberty to come and leave at any hour. The service begins at noon and lasts till 3 p.m. Hoping you will receive this invitation in the spirit in which it is extended. I remain, your brother in Christ, W. Bedford-Jones.

## Ottawa, Ill., March 12, 1897

I have been treated by Dr. Miller of Chicago and found myself well, after I had thought I could not recover from that terrible chronic indigestion, and nervous weakness, caused by my stomach being unable to perform its daily task. I am able to do a day's work for the first time in a year, and am gaining strength daily.

## R. P. Hess.

Consultation free at Hotel St. Nicholas, Wednesday April 21, 1897

## Death at Pana.

Rev. C. P. Baldwin, a well known minister of the gospel died at Pana yesterday at an advanced age. Mr. B. was the father of Capt. Baldwin, formerly in the employ of the Wabash Railway company in Decatur.

## Horses Wanted.

Will be at 549 North Church street, Decatur, Ill., on April 17 and 19, 1897. Would like some horses from 1000 to 1300 pounds. Horses must be well broken, sound and in good flesh, and from five to eight years old. Highest market price will be paid.

## Seth Pratt.

At the annual town meeting in Peoria last week, the project of building a city hall was voted down. The salaries of the pound master and town clerk were also radically reduced, by confining them solely to fees received. Heretofore those officials have received a salary in addition to the legal fees.

## Cherry tooth paste, imported, 25c; at

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## Millinery...

ions of delight and approval come from who attended our Millinery Opening. They were the prettiest hats ever shown in and a great many of the lookers became In fact this department is enjoying a most era of prosperity just at present. Your will be correct if it comes from us—then give you money. This week in main department, we make a special offer of Modish from our own workroom. One hundred with the best of material, at a very low

Bonnets, \$1.98 each. Bonnets, \$2.98 each. Bonnets, \$4.98 each. remitted for the sale of a special lot of Ladies' ribbons—neat and pretty—98c each. lace—49c each.

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Thirty one years ago we opened an Exclusive Carpet and Wall Paper Store in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at 65c were then sold at \$1.75. Wall Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you at 8c.

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No one trying to monopolize all branches can or will do as well by you as we dealing exclusively in these goods, giving our entire attention to style, coloring and quality, all things being equal.

Call and trade with us.

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## CITIZENSHIP.

By Rev. E. B. Randie.

In a good many cities societies have been organized for the promotion of good citizenship. They disseminate good literature, secure good speakers, and use different methods for promoting the observance of the civic duties that devolve upon every citizen of the commonwealth.

There are a great many well informed people who do not need instruction as to their duty to the state, but they do need some influence and inspiration to induce them to discharge those duties.

Observation teaches us that there are a great many intelligent people in this country who do not properly appreciate the value of their rights and privileges as citizens. They are always ready to censure an inefficient, extravagant and corrupt administration, but they do nothing at the proper time to produce a better state of things in the city or the state. If every man would discharge the duties that devolve upon him as a citizen we would have better municipal, state and national administrations, better officers, as a rule, to rule over us and a better condition of things everywhere. If every good citizen would throw off his apathy and indifference and go to the polls and work for the defeat of undesirable candidates it would soon be the case that only honest, and reputable citizens would be presented to the people as candidates for municipal, state and national officers.

By voting only for candidates of recognized merit, approved worth and fitness, without inquiring of what party they were, or whether they were upon the Republican, Democrat or Prohibition ticket, would soon produce such a change as has not been dreamed of.

At present there are too many who cast their ballots without regard to the character and abilities of the candidates whose names are before them. Such people care more for party than they do for principle.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1897.

## REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Election April 20, 1897.

Mayor—B. Z. TAYLOR.  
Clerk—JOHN A. REEVE.  
Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.  
Treasurer—MONT PENWELL.  
Aldermen—First Ward, R. J. WAGG.  
Second Ward, F. M. YOUNG.  
Third Ward, JAMES KEEFE.  
Fourth Ward, ALBERT AMMANN.  
Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOWLTON.  
Sixth Ward, JOHN G. WATSON.  
Seventh Ward, J. L. DRAKE.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, April 15.—Showers north portion this afternoon; fair tonight; cool northwest tonight; probably Friday.

## Altgeld's Responsibility.

The condition of the funds and securities of the University of Illinois taken in connection with many other crooked acts of Governor Altgeld shows that the state of Illinois got rid of him as chief executive none too soon. Had he been elected he could not have saved the university's funds from the hands of the thieves he entrusted it. When he used his power and influence as governor in having these funds placed in the Globe Savings bank he knew its condition and caused the funds to be placed there to help them tide over a dilemma because his friends were personally interested in the bank and thus jeopardized the state's interest to protect his own. His conduct in this matter was as reprehensible as that of a guardian who uses the funds of a ward to help himself and loses the funds.

When Altgeld was elected governor he proposed to give the people a better administration than his Republican predecessors had done and often during the campaign more than intimated that the state government had not been honestly administered. One of the first things he did was to secure the removal of John Bunn as treasurer of the university trustees and in bringing this about he hinted that Bunn had used the funds in his own interest but when the affairs were checked up Mr. Bunn was found all right and the bonds and the money were all in his hands ready to transfer. The robber Spalding was made successor to Mr. Bunn, Altgeld's horseman, looted the fund. The Republican "robber" had it to turn over like an honest man. It took Spalding but four years to rot the state. Bunn was treasurer for nearly a quarter of a century and in that time did not lose a penny. Such is modern reform and such are modern reformers. Honest Rufus Ramsey was Altgeld's reform state treasurer and before his term expired he had managed to get away with half a million dollars of the state's money which his securities had to pay to save the state. Altgeld himself tried to hold up the trustees of state institutions he had appointed to get control of public funds for his own use and it is useless to attempt a defense of Altgeld. He was a dangerous man in power and the state is to be congratulated that it escaped as well as it did and the people who voted for him last fall are to be congratulated that they were unable to re-elect him.

## Trocha and Bicycle.

The Chicago Tribune: General Weyler's famous trocha, originally intended according to reports, as a means of holding the Cuban insurgents in check, appears to have become such a general thoroughfare that it is to be supplied with certain metropolitan conveniences. The Cubans have found it ridiculous to cross this "impassable obstruction," at will, and the Spanish general appears to have decided wisely to bow to the inevitable and get some good out of the costly affair, even if its first purpose must be abandoned. In accordance with this determination he is to equip the trocha with a string of electric lights and construct a bicycle path from one end to the other. This will change the dark and gloomy stretch of earthwork into an agreeable promenade, and there is no reason why it should not become quite as famous under this new arrangement as it has been as a useless barrier to the enemy. General Weyler is to be congratulated on the decision he will make of this "elephant on his hands," not only because of the material advantages to be derived from the trocha, but also because of the evidence it gives of a change of heart on the part of the hitherto implacable butcher. In the past his mind appeared to be unable to consider any subject that did not contain "massacre" and "torture" as leading attributes. Now it is clear he has been touched by more humane considerations, for by no other reasoning can this improvement of the trocha be accounted for. Let us hope, however, when the change is effected, that the pleasure resort will not be invaded by that mania for six day races and other tests of endurance which seem to rage whenever two or more men

on bicycles are gathered together. Keep the trocha bicycle path free from such contamination.

The judicial apportionment bill has been defeated. At least it failed of a two-thirds' majority in the house which is necessary to make the law operative before the election of judges in June. Its defeat is due to intermeddlers who were not broad enough to permit the bill to pass in a form that would command a two-thirds' vote. They wanted to doctor it to suit somebody who wanted to be a judge somewhere and with no better motive than that they have thrown away the only chance of districting the state judicially that the legislature has had since the new constitution was adopted. This is unfortunate for the state and is the result of the misfortune of the birth of some chicken headed people.

Mr. W. G. F. Phillips, whose name makes whatever he says about a question of international law worth attention, writes to the London Times for information on the following points relating to the blockade of Crete: (1) Supposing that a British ship sails with a cargo of provisions for Candia and is stopped and turned back by a British man-of-war, will the British government pay the damages? (2) Suppose that she is fired into and sunk, will the same redress follow? (3) Suppose one of the crew is killed and the officer who ordered the gun fired indicted for murder, what will the defense be? We doubt if these questions will ever be satisfactorily answered either by the Times or by anybody else, especially the last one.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky, is rapidly gaining distinction as a dog in the manger and a general disturber. He first started out as an intermeddler in the senatorial election and prevented an election, then he appeared as a favorite son for president and now he is again doing what he can to create discord in the party which may result in again defeating the election of a United States senator by the Republicans. The fact is he is too small a man with too big an estimate upon himself to occupy the position to which the Republicans have elevated him.

In answer to the frequent inquiries about the growth of the Chicago university, President Harper gave the following statistics: The rate of increase in the number of students has been in 1894, 30 per cent; 1895, 22 per cent; 1896, 14 1/2 per cent; 1897, 3 per cent. The total matriculation to date was 4,880, and the average increase each year 20 per cent. The proposed expenditures for 1897-'98 amount to \$703,913.

It is said the rainy season is due in Cuba and that hostilities will practically cease. If this will result in the end of the rainy season here we can all afford to hurray for Cuba.

The senate has had a test vote on the tariff bill and with those present the vote in favor of the bill resulted in one majority.

The airship is omnipresent in the same sense that the Populist majorities were before the election.

The Light at Walnut Grove.

Eads Republican: A gentleman living in Walnut Grove addition, who works in the city on going home last evening, took his milk pail as usual and started to the barn to milk the cow. While going to the barn he noticed a bright light in the northeast moving toward the southeast he paid no attention to it, however, but went into the barn, sat down and commenced to milk the cow. Just about the time he finished he heard a loud crash, a large portion of the roof was torn off, so frightening the cow that she let drive at Mr. T. and laid him cold. A neighbor called to see the gentleman, and his wife said he was at the barn. When the gentleman reached the barn he found Mr. T. unconscious, the usual restoratives were used but seemed to have no effect, and he was given up for dead. His wife happened to think that he was very fond of onions, and thought that may be a whiff of one might recall the departed spirit, it was tried with such success that Mr. T. soon showed signs of life. As soon as he could speak he gave a good description of the airship and said that was what had struck the barn, but the ship sailed on.

Neighbor.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the material poison. Headache, indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at West's drug store.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—jan 20-22-23-24.

PARK & SON SEWER PIPE.

TILE.

DECATUR ILL.

CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

Squash Pie.

Two cupfuls of sifted squash, two beaten eggs, half a teaspoonful of vanilla, one cupful of sugar well mixed with one-third of a tea-spoonful of cinnamon, a little nutmeg, a very little ginger and a little sprinkle of salt. Mix and slowly add two cupfuls of milk. Bake in a single crust. When cold cover with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with a little vanilla, if desired.—Good Housekeeping.

GENTLE PHRASES.  
The Meaning of Common Expressions of Courtesy.

In the hurry and bustle of this work-day world we sometimes miss the meaning of our ordinary phrases of courtesy and affectionate greeting. Good night, the gentle greeting of our sincere Anglo-Saxon English, is a prayer—God's night, or God guard the night. The simple words have almost lost their significance, and gained a new meaning, forever endeearing them. They are often the first word the baby whispers. The daughter greets the mother, the brother, the sister, with the gentle, olden phrase, all forgetful of its solemnity. Strangers greet us in the old phrase, and we use it continually until it is robed of all its old meaning and becomes empty words.

Yet it is a pleasant, good thing to recall the old meaning of these phrases—"Good night," "good day," "God's day" or "God guard the day"; or, in more stately courtesy—"God be with you."

On whatever sea of pleasure or enterprise we embark, these prayers of those who love us go with us, to shield us and protect us from "foes within and foes without." We go into uncertainty and darkness protected by the sense of an overshadowing power, the Eternal God, without whose call the sparow does not fall. "Good-by" is the last prayer the mother breathes for her son when he leaves her for that great world outside the old home, where he must fight the dragons of oppression and sham as valiantly as any faired knight of yore. Whether he will succeed or fail and fall miserably by the way depends upon himself and upon the moral support he has received from his home training. If he has been reared in a gentle household, accustomed to gentle forms of speech, the memory will be like an angel of peace to guard him from coarse companions and evil ways.

"God be with you" is all the mother can ask for those whom she loves the best. Her work is over. She cannot selfishly claim that her children shall remain with her as jewels for her adorning. The Father in Heaven, who gave them to her for a little time, has need for them as "yellow workers" in His vineyards. Those children who are brought up with strength and sincerity of purpose and trained in gentle forms of courtesy must finally win in the great battle of life. It may not be a worldly triumph. The modern knight may not always expect to win castles and glittering pomp, but nobler than these, he will gain the record of a noble life, nobly spent.

"Good night" is often the last words spoken when the twilight draws near of that night, which is the portal of the world where God is the Sun.—N. Y. Tribune.

## HER AMERICAN SPIRIT.

A Washington Girl Who Has a Great Head.

She's a Washington girl, and she's pretty.

But it was a work of supererogation to add that last remark.

If anybody ever saw a homely Washington girl, he discreetly maintains such silence on the subject that to all intents and purposes no such girl ever existed!

Now, this charming young woman, unlike some of our charming young Washington women, is thoroughly American, which her mother isn't, and the result is that there is somewhat of an emotional clash now and then.

That is to say, the daughter receives attention from some men whom the mother doesn't approve of.

One particularly.

He is from the west, and he has a whole barrelful of money, and getting several more fast.

But he is in "trade."

Oh, horrors!

"Of course, dear," said the pretty girl's mother, only last week; "of course, Mr. Blank is a very excellent young man, and he has money, but you know he is in trade, and if you marry him you cannot go into society. Now, why don't you throw him over and accept the diplomat who is your slave?" He is so charming, of such a great family, and he is a favorite in our very best society."

"That's all right, mamma," replied the young woman, "but I like the other man. As for the trade part, you needn't worry about that, George is in politics on the side, and it won't be ten years until he goes abroad as ambassador to some of those effete old monarchies, and with his pull and his purse we can have a string of ordinary diplomats at our heels like a tail to a kite."

Since which announcement the maternal ancestor hasn't had as much to say, though she may still be thinking—Washington Star.

## Oysters and Beefsteak.

Broil a good tender steak—say about two pounds. Lay on a very hot plate and pour over it a sauce made as follows: Beat up the yolk of an egg, add a gill of milk, a tablespoonful of melted butter, and an even tablespoonful of flour. Stir until the latter is smoothly mixed, then put into a saucepan and stir constantly until the boiling point is reached, but on no account allow it to boil. Add a half teaspoonful of minced parsley, a saltspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of tomato sauce to each gill of the sauce. Stir all the time the tomato sauce is being added. This will be found a very rich dish. Serve with potato balls.—Cincinnati Enquirer

## Squash Pie.

Two cupfuls of sifted squash, two beaten eggs, half a teaspoonful of vanilla, one cupful of sugar well mixed with one-third of a tea-spoonful of cinnamon, a little nutmeg, a very little ginger and a little sprinkle of salt. Mix and slowly add two cupfuls of milk. Bake in a single crust. When cold cover with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with a little vanilla, if desired.—Good Housekeeping.



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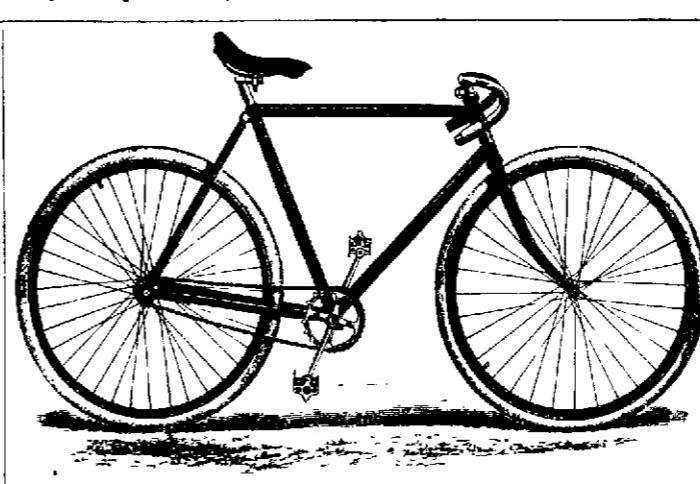


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## MARKET REPORT.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 15, 1897.

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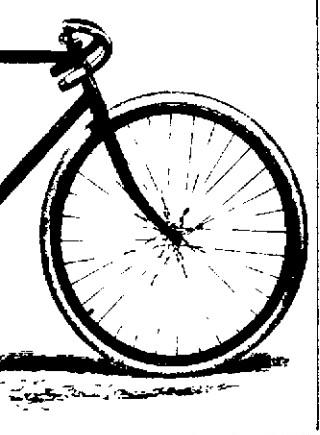
No Chicago market report to-morrow—Good Friday.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
April	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
May	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Corn—				
April	23 1/2	25 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
May	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
September—				
Oct.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
April	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
May	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
July	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Pork—				
April	8 35	8 42 1/2	8 35	8 40
May	8 40	8 42 1/2	8 35	8 40
Beef—				
April	14 29	14 29 1/2	14 29	14 29 1/2
May	14 29	14 29 1/2	14 29	14 29 1/2
Lamb—				
April	8 35	8 42 1/2	8 35	8 40
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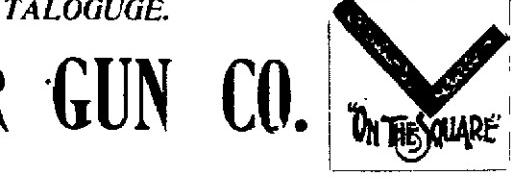
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Saturday Night, April 17,

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The Hypnotist.

The Biggest Laugh for the Money  
You Ever Had.

Prof. Thatcher puts a young lady to sleep at  
8 o'clock and she is awakened at 8:30 on the  
stage at the opera house. Physicians invited to  
investigate.

PRICES—10, 20 and 30 Cents.

Seats now on sale at the Opera House Drug  
Store.



## HATS

of all kinds, colors, shapes,  
and prices. NEW SPRING  
HATS that will fit both  
your head and purse.

The "Cuban" and "Geisha"  
two of the latest. Let us  
show them to you.

A new, complete and excep-  
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fellows from 3 to 8, made up in Juniors,  
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FROM \$2.25 TO \$5.00...

This department of ours appeals partic-  
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New Novelties in  
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The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material,  
in style, in general make-up, but partic-  
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exceedingly swell line of Spring Shirts and  
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"Quick  
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Warm Weather will  
soon be here and you will  
want that new "Oil  
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What to Buy?  
The Best, of Course.

Is there any question as to the Best when more than half  
of all the evaporating stoves sold in the United States  
during last season were "QUICK MEALS." They always  
give satisfaction. We are the agents for their full line. See  
them and you will have no other.

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ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

NEW SPRING SUITS,  
HATS AND CAPS  
...Have arrived at the...

GEORGE W. JONES  
CLOTHING HOUSE

...NEW STORE--159 EAST MAIN STREET....  
Formerly Occupied by the "Fair Store."

### PERSONAL MENTION.

H. W. Fenton is here from Chicago.  
Dr. W. M. Catto was in Macon today  
on business.  
Will Clark is ill at his home on East  
Decatur street.  
Mrs. C. G. Gill has gone to Big Rap-  
ida, Mich., on a visit to friends.  
The four children of A. G. Webber are  
ill of the measles.  
Mrs. L. E. Ryman went to Chicago  
this morning.

Robert I. Hunt landed in New York  
from Europe yesterday.  
Miss Clara Vaughn is ill at her home  
on West Decatur street.

Miss Nora Hight, of Macon, is the  
guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Culver,  
this week.

Mrs. Euphemia Carroll, of Macon,  
is visiting friends in the city this week.

Judge Vail returned from Tuscola  
yesterday afternoon. He was in attendance  
at the judicial convention today.

Dr. John Miller went to Bloomington  
last night to visit his mother, Mrs. James  
Miller.

Sheriff J. P. Nicholson arrived home  
last night from Chicago accompanied by  
his daughter, Miss Minnie Nicholson, who  
has been studying music in that city.

Mrs. M. W. Shultz, Miss Carrie Pow-  
ers and Miss Luisa Jones returned home  
last night from Springfield where they  
have been attending the state meeting of  
the woman's missionary society.

Bishop Seymour of the Springfield  
diocese of the Episcopal church, passed  
through the city this morning on his way to  
Toledo, Ill.

Superintendent Cotter of the Grand  
Trunk, formerly trainmaster of the St.  
Louis division of the Wabash, was in the  
city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walmsley, who  
have been traveling in the south for the past  
five months, have arrived home.

Judge J. W. Wilkin, Postmaster  
Jewell of Danville, and Hon. V. Warner,  
of Clinton, were in the city today,  
guests at the St. Nicholas.

Prof. R. B. Leonard is no worse  
than he was two weeks ago. He is still  
at Washington, D. C. The statement  
that a telegram had been received Mon-  
day stating that he was in a dangerous  
state is an error.

Cycle News in Other Countries.  
Prince Rhanuranga, who is a brother of  
the King of Siam, has purchased four  
American machines for the use of the  
Crown Prince and family.

In the last issue of "Rad Welt" the  
leading German cycle paper, the editor at-  
tacks the Cleveland, saying: This is  
America's leading bicycles. Europe, like  
America, has become a Cleveland dom-  
ain.

H. A. Lozier & Co., makers of the  
Cleveland, are enjoying the greatest ex-  
port business of any factory in the coun-  
try. They are well represented and are  
making daily shipments to England, Scot-  
land, Egypt, China, Ireland, India, Brit-  
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West Indies, Channel Islands, Italy, Algers,  
Germany, Austria, Dutch East Indies, Den-  
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Rommania, Sweden, Belgium, Servia, Fin-  
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Austra-ia, Guatemala, British Honduras, Col-  
ombia, Nicaragua, Guiana, Venezuela,  
Costa Rica, Peru, Ecuador, West Indies,  
Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentine, Chili,  
Uruguay, New Zealand, Hawaiian  
Islands, Samoa.

Clevelands are known the world over,  
and its name is great.

Excursion to the Celebrated Coast Country.  
The American Land company of St.  
Louis, Mo., who own large tracts of land  
near Houston and Galveston, in the  
"Diamond District" of Texas, have au-  
thorized us to say that they will refund  
the railroad fare of any parties who go  
down on the excursion of the 26th of April  
who may purchase land of them  
and who purchase tickets via the Wabash  
line to St. Louis or Kansas City. Choices  
of routes from these points. One fare,  
plus \$2 for the round trip. For partic-  
ulars and maps address C. A. Pollock, P.  
& T. A., Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ill.  
—14-6.

Fine Horse Killed.

A fine horse belonging to James  
Keefe was killed on the railroad last  
night. Five horses which were in Mr.  
Keefe's pasture southwest of the city  
broke out and got on the Fletcher  
crossing of the Wabash, south of the  
St. Louis bridge, and one of them was  
struck and killed by a passing train.

The animal was a fine 3 year old which  
was highly prized by Mr. Keefe.

An India meeting will be held at  
Grace church next Monday evening by  
the Epworth League, under the aus-  
pices of the missionary committee. All  
the young people's societies of the city  
will be invited.

To-morrow evening, at Grace M. E.  
church, the Rev. E. B. Randle will de-  
liver his lecture on "Blunders," before  
the Epworth League, the proceeds to be  
used to send a delegate to the Toronto  
convention in July. Admission 10 cents.

Wanted.

Four young men at Grand opera house  
Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Call at  
stage entrance.

Earl Gray Wilson, the newly elected  
mayor of Morrow, Ohio, is said to be only  
21 years old.

Breed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh  
garden, field and flower seeds. Leon &  
Morris, 188 East Wood street.—9-dwarf

Buckton's Aracea Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts,  
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum  
Feaver Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands  
Chilblains, Corts, and all Skin Irritations  
and positively cures Piles, or money refun-  
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satisfaction, or money refunded. Price  
25 cents per box. For sale by E. A.  
West, the druggist.

Spring has come. Notice the bud-  
ding of the trees, putting on their sum-  
mer garb.



## TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING. Real Estate Dealers,  
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS  
TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH,  
where they are selling so much of  
cheap lands near Houston  
and Galveston, and the lands are  
more valuable than ever. Many  
of the new rich have never  
had a place in them. We can sell you cheaper  
and better lands, better terms than anyone else  
can, and we can exchange on some of them. Write  
us for circulars. We also do a general exchange  
business. You have to pay for lands, we can  
get you almost any kind of a trade. Espe-  
cially notice their circuses on the country across  
the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call  
and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill.  
BOLEN & LANNING.

### SUPERSTITION.

The Great New York Millionaires  
Afraid to Build Costly Mansions.

Since Cornelius Vanderbilt's costly  
city dwelling upon Fifth avenue, just  
south of the plaza, was completed no  
propositions for costly and conspicuous  
private mansions have been offered to  
the architects.

There is a reluctance, due in part to a  
superstition not frankly acknowledged,  
to spend great sums in building  
city homes or country residences. E. C.  
Benedict's \$1,000,000 country seat,  
erected upon the site of Tweed's Amer-  
icas club house, is conspicuous as an  
exception.

There are melancholy recollections  
that may in part explain this supersti-  
tion. On lower Fifth avenue the costly  
mansions erected not many years  
ago for August Belmont and Marshall  
O. Roberts and Edwards Pierrepont and  
James Gordon Bennett are deserted and are  
to be delivered over to trade.

The elder Bennett had a beautiful  
country place at the farther northern  
point of Manhattan island, but had not  
many years' enjoyment on it, nor did  
Charles O'Connor, who was his neighbor  
in this then country retreat, find that he  
had bought much else there than ill-  
health, which drove him to Nantucket  
island to pass his declining years.

C. P. Huntington is said to have a  
superstition that ill-fortune will attend  
him if he occupies the granite mansion  
he built upon Fifth avenue, nearly oppo-  
site the Vanderbilt house.

Yet it may be that he is merely call-  
ing to mind the experience of some of  
his friends. Charles J. Osborn, the  
worker, built a costly home just out of  
the city, only to die in it, and the neighbor-  
ing mansion of the millionaire, Flagler, was closed in mourning soon  
after he occupied it.

J. H. Bostwick's charming place at  
Mamaroneck was his to enjoy not very  
long. Aspinwall met with misfortune  
soon after he built his famous place at  
Tarrytown, and not long after William  
Rockefeller enlarged and improved it his son was brought almost  
to death's door.

Elliot F. Shepard died even before the  
great mansion he was building at Tarry-  
town was completed, and A. T. Stewart  
was barely settled in the marble pal-  
ace which he built on Fifth avenue  
when death called him.

William H. Vanderbilt's first stroke  
of paralysis came soon after his new  
home on Fifth avenue was completed  
and there, a few years later, came with  
the swiftness of the lightning's stroke  
the fatal attack. The marble house in  
which William H. Vanderbilt expected  
to maintain conspicuous social festivity  
became of such gloomy association by  
reason of domestic troubles that he  
abandoned it, while Cornelius Vander-  
bilt had been in it only a few months  
in his new mansion when his active pow-  
ers were shattered, and so the list could  
be extended.

There is no need to do that to show  
that Mr. Huntington's fear may be due to  
a pardonable superstition or that  
there are other reasons than a reluc-  
tance to spend money that explain why  
it is that the building of costly private  
mansions is the only investment in real  
estate from which the greater capitalis-  
tates seem to shrink.—N. Y. Cor. Philadel-  
phia Press.

### That Hypnotist.

Pana Beacon: "That hypnotist still  
persist in giving a good entertainment at  
the Grand. Several young men were  
made to recognize the "influence" last  
night and today they have a wider knowl-  
edge of the hypnotic mystery than ever  
before. Quite a number of wonder pro-  
ducing feats were performed by the spell  
binder and the spell bound were greatly  
entertained by the evening program,  
which changed materially from the one of  
the night previous. Miss Leonard did some  
very neat work in song and dance  
specialties."

The professor and Miss Leonard will be  
at the Grand on Saturday night, April  
17. Watch for the sensational demonstra-  
tion of hypnotic power in the window at  
Cheap Charley's store.

### Breed Distribution.

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The best selected stock ever shown in the city, and will be made up in an artistic manner by First Class Workmen. The practical ability of our Cutter to turn out stylish as well as durable suits is well known. CORRECT IN CUT, STYLE AND FINISH.

**Suits Made as you want them  
for \$25, \$30, \$35 up to \$50.  
...TROUSERS \$4.00 UP TO \$15.:**

We want your trade if RIGHT PRICES and work will get it.

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Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

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Cats, Dogs,  
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Our watchmakers and facilities for watch repairing are the best. We especially solicit watches that others have failed to make keep time.

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Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest  
style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault  
is located on West William Street. Telephone 128. Office, 128.

**ORIENT INSURANCE CO.,**  
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WRITES FIRE AND CYCLONE INSURANCE.  
CAPT. LYTHE, Agent, 147 Merchant Street.

### WOMAN OUTLIVES MAN.

**Han Greater Vital Tenacity, But Can't Stand Drink So Well.**

Of the 14 reputed centenarians who died during the past year no fewer than 11 were women. Out of the 188 persons who were declared as over 90 years of age at death, 103 were women. The superior longevity of the female sex is a well-established fact. To some extent it depends, of course, on their more sheltered method of living, but by no means exclusively, as the women of the laboring classes show a great vital tenacity as well as those who have had an easy time of it in the world. The vital power of girls is displayed in babyhood, for though about 104 boys are born to every 100 girls, the females have more than overtake the deficiency before the end of the first year. In other words, the belief of old nurses that "boys are harder to rear than girls" is a true one.

For the first time another point in vital statistics between the sexes has recently been investigated. This is the relative periods of sickness in life. It is only lately that there have been any female friendly societies, hence the statistics as to the days of illness among women have been largely conjectural. But if these figures are to be received as reliable, women have more days of continual sickness in the year on an average than men at all periods of life, except between 50 and 60.

Apropos, a very curious fact has been unearthed by a private committee appointed by the leading life insurance societies. The subject of their inquiries was the mortality of persons engaged in the liquor trades. It is well established that the publicans are at the lowest point in the list of dangerous trades. This, you understand, is not teetotal talk, but fact, and it is curious, because publicans cannot be drunkards—a man who is not sober, as that term is generally received, soon loses his license. But the new fact revealed by the insurance societies' committee is yet more inexplicable; it is that the women who are engaged on their own account in the sale of drink are not nearly so injuriously affected by it as the men. As an excess of indulgence in alcohol is undoubtedly far more injurious to the female organization than to the male, it can only be concluded that the women who take the responsibility of a license on themselves are endowed with greater self-control and moral strength than their compatriots of the opposite sex.

Women submitted to the temptation of the trade in the r capacity of wives, however, do not come out so well. Barmaids are also affected unfavorably by their occupations.—London News.

### A FISH CAUGHT THE MAN.

*Novel Experience of a Man Who Wore Spurs.*

A singular incident connected with fishing is related by the author of "Wild Sports of the West of Ireland." A party of fishermen were out in a boat after gudgeon near Stinbury. One of the men, who had lamed his horse some miles from home, had been taken on board, but was not fishing. As a penalty for wearing spurs, he sat in the bow with his feet hanging over the side of the skiff.

Soon after he got into the boat one of the anglers caught a small gudgeon, which he playfully hung on the horseman's projecting spur. The incident was forgotten, and the gudgeon hung there, its tail just touching the water.

Suddenly the man gave a cry of astonishment, and the others, looking up, saw a large jackfish floundering about the dangling foot, and splashing the water in vigorous fashion. The boat began rocking, and the man in the bow lost his balance and tumbled into the lake, where he disappeared from sight.

A moment later he rose to the surface, the jackfish still thrashing the water about his foot, and it was seen that the fish was caught on the spur. The jack was a huge fellow and very strong, and in its struggles for freedom it plunged toward the bottom of the lake, dragging the man feet foremost after it. His weight, however, was too much for the fish, and it made small headway.

The fishermen now went to the assistance of their luckless companion, and one of them struck the jack with an oar and stunned it. The man was pulled into the boat, and the jackfish dispatched. The big fish had jumped for the gudgeon, fixed its teeth in its body, and had somehow been caught by the bill on the crane-necked spur.—Youth's Companion.

**Stampede.**  
First Little Boy—My pop's a Methodist; what's yours?

Second Little Boy—Mine is a theosophist.

"Theosophist? What's that?"

"I don't know."

"Why don't you ask your pop?"

"I did, but from the way he looked I guess he doesn't know, either."—N. Y. Weekly.

**A Popular Air.**  
The watchman woke from a sound sleep just in time to see a burglar go out of the rear door with a bag of booty.

"Heavens!" he cried, "the place has been robbed and I asleep. What shall I say to the firm to-morrow?"

And the burglar commenced to whisper softly: "Just tell them that you saw me."—Twinkles.

**Desperate Wager.**  
"If you haven't been takin' a bath I'll eat my hat!" declared Mr. Weary Watkins.

"Geees I'll have to own up," asserted Mr. Dismal Dawson.

"What d'me mean by it?"

"Election bet; that's all."—Indianapolis Journal.

**Pray Five Times a Day.**  
A gentleman traveling in Persia says he has been in a town where the bells ring for prayer five times a day, and business men rush out of their offices to the churches, leaving their places of business alone and unlocked and nobody ever has a thing stolen.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick

and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

### MARVELOUS RESULTS.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Diamondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at River Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption, and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." At West's drug store.

Earl Gray Wilson, the newly elected mayor of Morrow, Ohio, is said to be only 21 years old.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin afflictions. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a.m.

### A LIFE FOR 50c.

Many people have been cured of kidney disease by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Officer George F. Osborne is the tallest member of Philadelphia's police force. He is 6 feet 9 1/2 inches in height.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Tobias Kile, 92 years old of Quakertown, Pa., recently enjoyed for the first time in his life the services of a barber.

**Have You Had the Grip?**  
If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the hacking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A Jersey City landlord aroused a tenant at 10:45 a.m. on the morning of April 1 to demand the rent due that day, and was thrown down his own stairs.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

**A Bath (Me) boy** is the proud possessor of an autograph letter from the queen of Holland. His interest in collecting foreign postage stamps won him the royal favor.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

In a church at Grulich, Bohemia, the pastor the other day united in marriage at the same hour four couples, of whom one of the bridegrooms and three of the brides were brother and sister.

Soon after he got into the boat one of the anglers caught a small gudgeon, which he playfully hung on the horseman's projecting spur. The incident was forgotten, and the gudgeon hung there, its tail just touching the water.

Suddenly the man gave a cry of astonishment, and the others, looking up, saw a large jackfish floundering about the dangling foot, and splashing the water in vigorous fashion. The boat began rocking, and the man in the bow lost his balance and tumbled into the lake, where he disappeared from sight.

A moment later he rose to the surface, the jackfish still thrashing the water about his foot, and it was seen that the fish was caught on the spur. The jack was a huge fellow and very strong, and in its struggles for freedom it plunged toward the bottom of the lake, dragging the man feet foremost after it. His weight, however, was too much for the fish, and it made small headway.

The fishermen now went to the assistance of their luckless companion, and one of them struck the jack with an oar and stunned it. The man was pulled into the boat, and the jackfish dispatched. The big fish had jumped for the gudgeon, fixed its teeth in its body, and had somehow been caught by the bill on the crane-necked spur.—Youth's Companion.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a.m.

### A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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It was recently found that Representative Bricker of Michigan is in very much the same predicament as Governor Pinney was. Bricker is mayor of Boldog and at the same time represents his district in the legislature. As yet nothing has been done in the matter.

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**HUNK MADE A MISTAKE.**

**Thought He Stole the Shoot, But It Appeared That He Didn't.**

I was the judge doing the talking. One of my most peculiar experiences was while I was on the bench down in Pennsylvania. Hunk Wodder was brought down from the mountains charged with stealing a shoot from one of his neighbors. I had hunted and fished with the old fellow as a guide, and felt sorry to see him in trouble. I asked him if he wanted a jury trial.

"I don't want no trial 'tall," he replied doggedly. "I'll just plead guilty. I don't got no witnesses or no friends. I just swear I stole that hog dog, if I be?"

"Did you steal it, Hunk?"

"I didn't steal nothin'. But kin take me in dane."

"I'd enter a plea of not guilty and appoint a lawyer to defend you. You'd give me a chance to prove your innocence."

"I ain't a gonn' ter foolin' round with a lawyer. I bought that shoot from my father, an' that's all there is to it."

"I called him to me and whined. "Now, honest, Hunk, between me and man, did you steal the pug?"

"I be between you and me, judge."

"No one else shall know a word about it."

"Cause I did. That there measly pug I owned me three dollars for two years an' I just lifted th' shoot fer it."

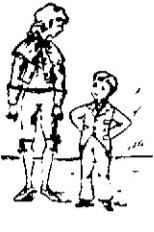
The case went to trial. The testimony against Hunk was strong and I urged the jury as fairly as I ever did in my life, but they acquitted him.

Then Hunk came up to me with flushed face and hanging head. "Pon my soul, judge, I didn't mean fer ter tell you no lie, I thought I stole that shoot, but it pears I didn't."—Detroit Free Press.

**Dangers of the Diet Farce.**

The farce is not mere danger, ordinary of our children being starved, but an idea has lately been borrowed from England which we should be sorry to have spread itself in this country—that of feeding children on a spare diet to prevent their becoming plump. It is natural and right that young creatures should be plump, and the best medical authorities agree that just before the growth from childhood to youth begins, at the age of 12, a store

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**FLIRTED TO THE LAST,**  
the girl was sweet and was waiting  
for her fiance.

There are people and people in this  
world. A sort and conditions of men  
and women. In the way waiting room the other  
day was a handsome girl, apparently  
not over twenty years old. She had gone  
to see the west-bound train and was  
waiting in the waiting room. A young man sauntered  
into the room, entire stranger to the girl.  
To her surprise, she blushed and  
said, "Good evening."

At first the young man needed  
no introduction, and as he  
sat beside her he thought  
to himself something "dead easy,"  
feeling so much like an  
inexperienced, sophisticated country maid.  
A smiling, child-like manner  
immediately spoke a flood of  
memories, and recalled the odor of violets,  
new hay and peppermint.  
A strange pain in his foot even  
got him to say, "Good evening."

"How long will it be till train time?"

"It will be a half hour," he replied.  
"So long?" she said. "I wish it was  
over. I am waiting for a friend."

A smile and heightened color  
told her doubly charming and  
caused the young man to exert all his  
powers to entertain her during the  
interval that intervened until train

time. The train at last came noisily  
into the station and halted a very ordinary  
looking young man stepped off  
the train, rushed up and, shaking  
hands, looked up at him as if she ex-  
pected something more than a mere  
greeting. But the young man's face  
reflected perceptibly and he even  
hesitated to shake hands with the  
maiden. The girl's face, however, was evidently such,  
finalized to throw out and she walked  
off in full possession.

The were losers, he learned after-  
ward having met by prearrangement,  
and were married that night. But the  
groom to overflowing could not,  
when he refrain from final elev-  
ation. —Pittsburgh Post.

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to you to witnesses or no friends.  
I'll swear I stole that hog at  
least once."

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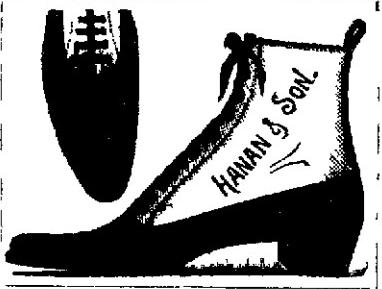


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### AIRSHIP STORY.

Home of the Mysterious Machine  
is Near Vandalia.

### TRAVELS 100 MILES AN HOUR.

A Republican Reporter the Guest of  
the Inventor—Description of a

Trip to Chicago—Won-

ders of the Ship.

A vast amount of speculation concerning the mysterious airship which has been circulating through the upper regions has been indulged in by all classes of citizens.

It is said that one confirmed old timer of this city has been so impressed that he has determined that the aerial craft is

one of the signs of approaching wind up of the universe mentioned in the good book and now takes his Sangamon river water straight. A few months past a reporter for the Republican was in Vandalia and during a rather protracted visit became acquainted with Mr. C. Devonbaugh, a farmer, residing among the hills about four miles west of that city. One evening Mr. D called at the hotel and requested the reporter to ride with him to his home, promising a view of one of the greatest wonders of the age. The invitation was accepted, and owing to this fact the reporter has recently been afforded an experience such as falls to the lot of few men. During the ride to the farm Mr. Devonbaugh explained that he had been interested in the problem of aerial navigation and had perfected a craft which would glide through the air, obedient to the will of the navigator and which would in time astonish the world. His prediction has been fulfilled.

Arriving at the farm, Mr. D led the way to a long but rather high building, which had been erected for a barn. The windows were carefully closed and fastened, and the doors were secured with huge locks. Applying a key to the lock the owner entered the building, the reporter followed and stood in the presence of the mystery.

The machine or airship was composed of two cigar shaped spheres of aluminum, each 45 feet in length, and eight feet in diameter at the center, tapering to a point at the bow and stern. The two were bound together by slender but exceedingly strong steel rods. Aftportion composed of pine lumber, dovetailed together joined the tubes. Near the center of the craft was a cabin built of light stuff, and covered with thin sheets of corrugated iron. The cabin would accommodate five or six persons, and was fitted with divans for sitting and sleeping, lockers for provisions, etc. The machinery which propelled the craft was located forward but this part of the craft Mr. Devonbaugh refused to exhibit, stating that while electricity was the force used, it was generated by a new process which he wished to perfect and cover with letters patent before allowing the secret to pass into other hands. Hinged to the side of the craft were two huge wings formed from varnished canvas and braced by slender steel rods. These were of the same length as the craft and when extended covered a space of about 40 feet in width. They were used to steady the craft when in motion. The raising and propelling power were derived from three "rothascopes" composed of canvas and steel ribs which were attached to revolving masts and which could be set at any desired angle. The rudder was fastened on the plan of a steamboat propeller, and operated by a wheel, set in a small house located well forward. Towing above the "rothascopes" masts were two slender wooden masts which Mr. Devonbaugh explained were to support parachutes especially designed for the purpose and which would support the craft in case of accidents to the wings or machinery. The craft had been tested the day before the reporter's visit but certain defects had been discovered which could only be remedied by sending the parts to St. Louis for repairs. To give greater buoyancy the aluminum cylinders were to be charged with gas, and this would necessitate, as Mr. D. remarked, "the use of cold violence" during the trial voyage. The Republican man was given to understand that he might form one of the crew on the first voyage and left for home with the understanding that a telegram bearing the words, "Come tonight" would cause him to hustle for Vandalia.

The other morning while preparing for a business trip to Blue Mound, a telegraph messenger brought the looked for message, and it is needless to say that the south bound Illinois Central train bore an excited but outwardly calm passenger provided with a ticket for Vandalia. The trip was made without incident and Mr. D. was found pacing the platform. "Hurry up my boy," exclaimed the skipper, for so we must now call him, "we must get away soon after dark. Everything is in order and you will have something to write about, that is, if the thing don't go wrong with us, and scatter your fragments over the universe." This was not assuring but the reporter concluded he was in for it, and applied a fresh match to his old pipe which had gone out from pure fright.

The Devonbaugh place was soon reached

and the crew had assembled. Mrs. Devonbaugh, and her sister, a sprightly miss of eighteen, Mr. D and the hired man who had assisted in the work, were on hand prepared for the journey. After giving some hurried directions to his son who was to remain in charge of the farm while his parents were shooting around among the clouds, dodging shooting stars and getting into the track of wandering planets and other things, Mr. D led the way to the barn. He unlocked and threw open the huge folding doors. A step ladder was placed against the craft, the ladies climbed aboard and disappeared with in the cabin. "Bear a hand here, you men," exclaimed the skipper, and by the united efforts of the three the craft was rolled into the yard. "Now aboard with you, and toss off those blocks of iron," was the next command. A dozen or more masses of iron, weighing several hundred pounds were thrown overboard and the strange vessel rose slowly into the air. Mr. D slipped into the little boat forward, and the reporter who was watching his movements through the glass door saw him pull down a lever which with a lot of other levers, knobs and things adorned a board something like the ones in a telephone exchange. The steel masts began to revolve and the upward motion was accelerated, the lever was moved another notch and the rothascopes were at full speed. Higher and higher the machine mounted until nothing could be seen of the earth and were blotted by masses of vapor. Then the skipper wings on the sides were extended and the position of the rothascopes were changed and the craft shot ahead at full speed. "We are now about 2000 feet above the earth," said Captain Devonbaugh as he stepped out of the engine room, and joined the reporter. "I should judge we are making at least 65 miles an hour and are headed straight for Chicago. We'll keep dark, until we are over the city and then will astonish the natives. Now be careful not to light a match when you go into the cabin, we don't want to risk an explosion while we are up here. The result might not be pleasant you know."

For two hours we sailed through the night, the queerest journey ever undertaken by mortal man. There was no jar, nor sound save the ceaseless whirr of machinery. Above us the stars were shining brightly below us thick masses of rolling vapor. The air was not uncomfortably cold, and the cabin which we entered once during the trip was warm and comfortable.

The electric heaters were working well. Mrs. D and her sister seemed un-

concerned, and chatted gaily. This was not their first trip. Both had accompa-

nied Mr. D on several short nocturnal trips. "We have had great times keeping the ship hid from the neighbors," said Mrs. D. Our hired man, my husband and son have put the craft together. We had the parts and engines made in Oma-

ha, boxed and sent to Vandalia. We

have not been long on the farm which my

husband leased for his use because it

was somewhat retired, and we have not

encouraged the country people to call on

us. I don't believe any of our neighbors

know about this ship, although my son

says some of the people were curious about

the machinery and had tried to find out

something. Our trial trips have been

short and made on dark rainy nights but

the secret will be out now."

"Come out you fools, and see something," called the captain and the party hastened on deck.

Below us was a vast plain, the surface

dimly seen tossed in huge billows. "We

are over Lake Michigan," exclaimed the captain, "and if you will look over to-

ward the northeast you will see a cluster of lights."

"I am not mistaken that's Chicago."

The ship glided ahead with undiminished speed, the lights stood out

bolder relief and became more numerous.

Suddenly a towering mass of illu-

mination loomed up before us. "That's

the Masonic Temple," said Mr. D, and

now I guess its time to surprise these

people. He stepped into the cavern of

mysteries, pulled a knob, and a double

line of electric lamps started at the bow

and extending around the vessel gave

out a various assortment of colors. We are now about 1800 feet in the air and marked the captain as he gave a lever a twitch and the boat severed off its course and changed directions like a swallow chasing its dinner, and then went straight ahead. Below us, and extending for miles in every direction were the high treetops and shipping in the harbor. Who could judge the reporter what had obtained copy of the Republican to a small cable and to set it overboard. He has often speculated regarding the fate of his issue. For several hours the craft and crew sailed over the city and suburbs and then as the little clock in the cabin struck the hour of one, Captain D laid his head on his home. The craft was raised to an altitude of as near as could be done 1000 feet and then those rothascopes were tilted down to business. The skipper sped away behind sweeping his arm in a broad man getting in late to dinner and the captain who was examining in a contrivance and was making something by which he could calculate our starting time to a nearly half missed his bearing, and it lay locked on hour of dawn when he suddenly changed the direction of the rothascopes and drew in the wings. The craft remained for a moment stationary in mid air, and then slowly descended until it hit a slight jar, it rested on the ground. Then in the dim light of early morning the reporter recognized the yard and the long low barn, which had been caravanning station. The boy came out of the house and his ebony master of fact greeting "well, dad, back again are you? I seemed out of place as the termination of an adventure that was destined to set tongues wagging and type in every clack on two continents. The lad was assisted to the light wagon and an hour later was returned to the stable drawing the carriage, in the bottom of which lay the bodies of the two women. Later Allen staggered into the barracks so badly wounded that he is expected to die. He made an ante-mortem statement to the effect that Crouch, the husband of the deceased woman, assaulted the whole party murdered the women and threw him (Allen) into the creek. Crouch is under arrest.

The shooting of the women was evi-

dently done at short range as their cloth

was burned. In the buggy a revolver

was found belonging to Allen with two empty chambers. There is nothing about Crou's appearance or actions to indicate that he is guilty.

AFFAIRS IN THE TRANSVAAL

The Under Secretary Assures that Great Britain Will be Compelled to Act with Discretion.

Cape Town, April 16.—In the assembly

a motion was introduced reciting the dis-

order which hostilities among Eu-

ropeans in Africa would produce and

inviting the house to adopt a policy of

moderation and conciliation in settlement

of differences in interpretation of treaties

and conventions. The under secretary

for native affairs moved to amend that the

ends desired would be best attained by

strict observance of the convention and

redress of genuine grievances of the U-

litzards. Jones said the situation is too